

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or)	
)	CONSENT ORDER OF
Revocation of the Educator)	
)	VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
Certificate of)	
)	
Daniel Gregory Vaught,)	
)	
Certificate # 114459)	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on January 11, 2005. On April 13, 2004, the South Carolina Department of Education (Department) issued Daniel Gregory Vaught an Order of Summary Suspension of his South Carolina educator certificate number 114459 based on his arrest on state charges of second-degree sexual exploitation of a minor. Mr. Vaught now has agreed to the conversion of the summary suspension to a voluntary surrender of his certificate. This agreement gives Mr. Vaught the right to reapply for certification after January 12, 2008. If he chooses to reapply for certification, Mr. Vaught must pass a character fitness review by the State Board and meet all current certification requirements. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the conversing of the summary suspension to the voluntary surrender of Mr. Vaught's certificate.

Daniel G.
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FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Vaught holds a South Carolina teaching certificate and has over twenty-six years of teaching experience. He was under contract as a teacher at Hartsville High School in Darlington County School District for the 2003-2004, school year. Mr. Vaught's educator certificate was summarily suspended in April 2004, due to his arrest on state charges of second-degree sexual exploitation of a minor. Mr. Vaught was subsequently charged by the United States with

possession of child pornography. Mr. Vaught has pled guilty to this federal charge.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004); S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (1991). The State Board finds that there is substantial evidence to support its decision to convert the summary suspension to a voluntary surrender of Mr. Vaught's certificate, #114459. At the end of three years from the date of this Order, Mr. Vaught may reapply for a teaching certificate by written request to the Office of Teacher Education at the South Carolina Department of Education. If he chooses to reapply for certification, Mr. Vaught must pass a character and fitness review by the State Board and meet all current certification requirements.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Paul M. Forrester
Paul M. Forrester, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
January 11, 2005

I, Daniel G. Vaught, SC Teaching Certificate 114459, do hereby agree to the proposed Voluntary Order of Surrender, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board of Education for approval on Tuesday, January 11, 2005.

/S/ Daniel G. Vaught
Daniel G. Vaught

12/15/04
Date